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MASSACHUSETTS FLOUGHMAN
The President of the Massachusetts Flogging Society, in a letter to the Editor of the *Journal*, writes as follows:—
"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your issue of the 21st inst., and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, Sir, very respectfully,
J. H. WATTS, President."

PROSPECTS AHEAD.
After the long and tedious waiting for a change in the aspect of business affairs, we were likely to come from a quarter in which it was not very generally looked for, but which, nevertheless, has been the cause of much speculation and discussion. It is not to be denied that the principal cause of the present depression is the overproduction of goods, and that the principal cause of the present depression is the overproduction of goods, and that the principal cause of the present depression is the overproduction of goods.

THE AMERICAN JERSEY CATTLE CLUB.
This Association held its annual meeting at the Parker House in Boston, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., and was attended by a large number of gentlemen from New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Maine and other States as well as Massachusetts. Richard Goodman, of the latter State, presided, and the usual business of the Association was transacted. The following resolutions were adopted:—
Resolved, That the Association do hereby express its appreciation of the services rendered by the Parker House, and do hereby request the proprietors to continue to afford the same facilities to the members of the Association.

THE GARDEN.
In the cultivation of the earth, in every department of human effort, "knowledge is power." Every operation in gardening depends upon its complete and universal success upon the knowledge of the structure of plants, the nature of soils and manures, and the laws of vegetable growth. Although a rich soil with a genial climate comprises much towards rendering the rudest forms of cultivation under favorable circumstances, moderately productive, the honest industry of the husbandman, however blindly applied, is looked upon with favor by all loving Nature; but her richest gifts are reserved for united science and skill. A good garden is the most important addition to any home—be it the farmhouse, the rural home, or the country villa. A neat and well kept lawn, certainly a beautiful attraction to a home, but the garden which you draw your daily supply of choice vegetables, is a source of greater pleasure and of true economy. The art of gardening is the most ancient of all, for we learn in "Holy Writ" that the first gardener was the Holy Writ, that he was "put into the Garden of Eden to dress it, and to keep it." An occupation so useful, so productive of pleasure and profit to man, is worthy the devotion of all who have the care and cultivation of any portion of "Mother Earth." The increased taste for gardening in all of its branches is truly marvelous.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
BEE SUGAR MAKING.
Editor Massachusetts Floggingman:—
Would you through the columns of the *Floggingman*, inform me if there are any manufacturers in operation in the United States, and if so, where they are situated for the manufacture of sugar from beets? Also, if such an enterprise could, in your opinion, be made a success in some town in Norfolk county or thereabouts?
Yours respectfully,
J. H. WATTS, President.

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